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Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

BJA released five drug court solicitations on March 28, 2003, with a closing date of May 22, 2003. We received a total of 353 applications from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. This represents a 20% increase over the previous year. Applicants were reviewed by a panel of drug court experts and award decisions were made by the Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs. In September 2003, BJA awarded PDF or ASCII 24 Adult Drug Court Implementation Grants, 21 Juvenile Drug Court Implementation Grants, 4 Family Drug Court Implementation Grants, 25 Single Jurisdiction Drug Court Enhancement Grants, and 2 Statewide Drug Court Enhancement Grants. Click here to see a listing of FY 2003 grantees.

Overview:

The Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (DCDG) provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and American Indian tribal governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders. Programs funded by

DCDG are required by law to target nonviolent offenders and must implement a drug court based on 10 key components. This program supports the following drug court activity:

- Adult drug court implementation.
- Juvenile drug court implementation.
- Family drug court implementation.
- Single jurisdiction drug court enhancement.
- Statewide drug court enhancement.

Training and Technical Assistance: The National Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program (NDCTTAP) supports DCDG by increasing the knowledge and skills of drug court practitioners to plan, implement, and sustain effective drug court programs. It also builds capacity at the state and local level to provide comprehensive practitioner-based training and technical assistance. The following are the three components of NDCTTAP:

• The goal of the Drug Court Planning Initiative (DCPI) is to provide communities

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with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to implement a drug court. Particular emphasis is placed on learning new roles, cross training, and developing both a team and a coordinated strategy across justice and treatment systems.

- The goal of the Drug Court Training Initiative (DCTI) is to provide state-of-the-art training on a variety of subjects to operational adult, juvenile, or tribal drug courts and state agencies.
- The goal of the Drug Court Technical Assistance Initiative (DCTAI) is to provide technical assistance on a variety of subjects to operational adult, juvenile, or tribal drug courts and state agencies.

Legislation: The Drug Court Program was established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322).

Funding: FY 2003 funding is \$45 million.

Eligibility: States (including Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia), state courts, local courts, units of local government, and American Indian tribal governments may apply for funding.

How/When To Apply: All applications were due via the <u>OJP Grants Management System</u> (GMS) by May 22, 2003. Awards will be processed and mailed to the recipients by October 2003. The solicitation for training and technical assistance was released June xx, and applications are due August xx.

Solicitations/Resource Guide:

Adult Drug Court Implementation Grants

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Resource Guide for Drug Court Applicants PDF or ASCII

Related Publication:

Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components PDF or ASCII

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Related Links:

FY 2002 Drug Court Grantees
Center for Court Innovation
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Family Justice

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National Association of Drug Court Professionals

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